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USPTO Confirmation No.: 8650
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Inventor(s): Thornton, et al.
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following documents:

1. Communication – Cross Reference to Related Applications;
2. Cover Letter, and
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09/495,552	02/01/00
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